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SUBJ: CURRENT QUALITY AND UTILIZATION OF F415Y FILM

1. THE PHOTOGRAPHY COLLECTED BY THE LOW LEVEL DRONE HAS PROVED TO BE A VALUABLE SOURCE OF INTELLIGENCE ON SOUTHEAST ASIA.

2. SPECIFICALLY, THE CENTER MOST PORTION OF THE 70 MM FRAME (APPROX 25 PCT EACH SIDE OF NADIR) HAS PROVIDED A WEALTH OF TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE BECAUSE OF THE EXCELLENT INTERPRETABILITY OF THE PHOTOGRAPHY.

3. THE REMAINING 50 PCT OF THE IMAGERY (OR THE FULL 180 DEGREE SPAN) HAS GIVEN LESS MINUTE DETAIL OF TARGETS. IT HAS, HOWEVER, ALLOWED US TO IDENTIFY NEW TARGETS, CORRECTLY LOCATE TARGETS AT NADIR AND MAINTAIN A PROPER ORIENTATION OF THE TERRAIN.

4. A REDUCTION IN THE 180 DEGREE SCAN WOULD MAKE TARGET LOCATION AND TERRAIN ORIENTATION MUCH MORE DIFFICULT AND TIME CONSUMING, ESPECIALLY IN UNFAMILIAR TERRAIN.

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5. PER CONVERSATION WITH LT COL TOM MONGNO RESOLUTION ESTIMATES WERE
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